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EXTRACTS FROM THE PRIVATE MEMORANDUM BOOK OF
CAPTAIN GEORGE GAFNEY, OF KILKENNY, AN OFFICER
IN THE ARMY OF JAMES II.

BY THE REV. JAMES GRAVES.

It needs no apology to introduce to the notice of the members of a Society, such as ours professes to be, the following extracts. It is one of our objects to collect and place on record the materials of history; and although the extracts I am about to give may to many seem trivial and unimportant, yet, in my mind, they are far from being so, inasmuch as they serve to introduce us to the private life of an officer who formed one of that formidable army which the devoted loyalty of James' Irish subjects enabled him to oppose to the forces of William III. From these memoranda we may learn how that army was fed and clothed. By their means we get a peep into the jovial habits of the officers, whilst one or two entries, such as that of the list of regiments encamped at Ardee, and the orders of the day, dated a few days before the battle of the Boyne, are of higher and more general historic interest.

The family of Gafney seems to have been founded, or at least raised to noticeable position in the Irishtown of Kilkenny, by the prelate of that name, who filled the See of Ossory from 1565 to 1576. The name frequently occurs in the Corporation Records of the Irishtown; and there can be little doubt that the writer of the memoranda which follow was of that family.¹

The original MS. is at present in the keeping of Henry James Loughnan, Esq., of Kilkenny, one of the members of this Society, who kindly permitted me to make from it what extracts I pleased. Mr. Loughnan, whose ancestor appears from it to have been an ensign in Captain Gafney's company, obtained the MS. from the late James Gafney Billing, Esq., of Dublin, a lineal descendant, in the female line, from the writer. The MS. consists of the remains of what was at one time a thin paper book, eight inches long by three wide, originally bound at the narrow end, pocket-book fashion, the writing running across the narrow page. The binding has, however, given way, and the leaves are very much worn at the top and bottom. The dates of the entries extend over a period of about eighteen months, terminating a few days before the battle of the Boyne. There, perhaps, the writer fell; at all events there are no subsequent entries. It is an undoubted autograph.

¹ In front of an old house in Vicar-street, at the foot of the Coach-road, Irishtown, is a slab bearing the inscrip-

tion, "GEORGE GAFFNEY. AN^o. DOM. 1704." This George was probably a son of Captain Gafney.

In the order which I have chosen for my extracts I have followed as nearly as possible the order of the dates, and commence with Captain Gaffney's entry of—

An Accompt of what Cash I have by me.

Jan y^e 1st 1689

To ten ginis att 24 ^s \mathfrak{P} gini	£012 00 00
To one portingall pece	£001 15 00
To to broade Jabous att 26 \mathfrak{P}	£002 12 0
To to half Jabous at 13 \mathfrak{P}	£001 06 00
To one quarter Jacobus	£000 06 06
To one broad Carolus	£001 05 00
To one half dito att 12 ^s 6 ^d	£001 05 00
To to quarter dito att 6 ^s 3 ^d	£000 12 06
To one halfe Edward	£000 13 00

in goulde y^e sume of 21 15 00

To Cash in silver y ^e sume of	£086 16 08 $\frac{1}{2}$
To English money	£013 00 07 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Cash in silver in one purs	£100 00 00

in goulde & silver y^e sum 171 12 04 (*sic*)
in bras money 020 00 00

Feb y^e 12 1689

To bras money in one purs 110 00 00

It will be seen that the writer carefully enters the rate of exchange of the sterling money, showing a considerable premium in consequence of the depressed state of the currency, of which an indication also occurs in the quantity of "bras money" in the worthy Captain's exchequer—£130. Next I subjoin a list of his company, from which we learn that it constituted a portion of the Right Honourable Col. Edward Butler's regiment of foot. The Colonel was a Kilkenny man, being eldest son of Edward, second Viscount Galmoy; he retired into France after the termination of the war, where he died without issue.¹ Under the date of March 29th, 1689, there are entries of payments to the men; these lists are nearly the same in names and number. Each man seems to have been paid every fortnight 1s. 6d., as pay or subsistence money. The muster roll presents many Kilkenny names, and is as follows:—

A list of Cap^t George Gaffney his company of foote in the Right Honorable Coll Edward Buttlers Regiment March y^e . . . 1689

Cap^t George Gaffney
Left John Brenan

Ensigne John Loughnan
Sargen^t Florins fi^{ts} Patrick

¹ Archdall's edition of Lodge's "Peerage," vol. vi. p. 49, note.

William Boorke Sargen' elect
 Corporalls
 James Donough
 Thomas Quin
 Edmond Purcell made corporall in
 y^e field, and confirmed y^e same
 time by Duke Tirconell.
 Peeter Boorke drumer.
 Peter Holehan.
 John Coffi
 John Boorke senior
 John Boorke junior
 Boe [*page defective*]
 John Coffe
 William Mansell
 Thomas Quing Corporall
 Edmond Megher
 James Curin
 John Hini
 Edmond Cash
 Mortogh Costaly
 Michaile Fenell
 Patrick Kinsalagh
 Morgan Fing
 James Reyan
 Thomas Lawlor
 Peeter Glendon
 Derby Boe
 James Kelley
 Nicholas Kerey Corporall
 Hugh Newman
 Edmond Purcell Corporall

John Phelican
 William MaGra
 William Phelan
 Denish Cormock
 Richard Comerford
 Tadey Mackaboy
 John Boorke Senior
 John Boorke Junior
 William Boorke
 James Roth
 William Quigly
 John Taply drumer
 Martin Callan
 William Farell
 Peter Holehan
 Edmond Megher
 Simon Delaney of Lackin
 Denish Reyan
 John Boogi
 Henry Cursi
 Denish Kelley.
 Tady Phelan
 Tady Flinn
 Philip Kelley
 Edward Glendon
 John Murphy
 Patrick Wier interd March y^e 16
 John Commin
 Daniel Muldouni
 Bryan Kenedey
 William Kenedey
 John Maring

It may now be interesting to have a peep at our gallant Captain's private affairs. The date at the head of the entry is defective from injuries done to the leaf on which it is written. The words ". . . . self anno Domini 16 . ." only being apparent. But from a subsequent entry the year is ascertained to have been 1688. It may be necessary to remark that the commencement of the year was on March 25th at this period, the old style being still in use. The Captain's uniform was sufficiently gay, as appears by the items given below :—

March y^e 18.

P ^d for 2 y ^{ds} of muslin w ^{ch} made 2 payre of }
rufels and 2 caravats	
P ^d Mary ffaning for making of them 1 ^s 6 ^d , in }	00 02 00
thread 2 ^d	
$\frac{3}{4}$ of a y ^{de} fine scoth cloth for 3 necks 15 ^d }	

y ^e 19	P ^d for a hatt and lace	01 00 00
	for caravatt string 3 y ^{ds} scarlett	00 04 00
	for 1 y ^{de} $\frac{3}{4}$ of scarlet riban for y ^e hatt band } at 16 ^d p ^r y ^{de} }	00 02 04

March 20th '88.

	Bought of Cap ^t Edw. Cadow, ¹ for a vest, 1 y ^d } $\frac{1}{4}$ of scharlett att 26 ^s p ^r y ^d is }	01 12 06
	2 y ^{ds} of Endian silke to line it	00 06 00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce of Gould thread	00 04 00
	4 dosen of Gould butons	00 04 00
	p ^d for 20 y ^{ds} of Gould breade	01 08 06
	for silke	00 00 09
	for making	00 03 00
y ^e 22	p ^d Ge. Cooke for a bagnett blade	04 00
	1 ounce of silver for y ^e buckels of y ^e belt } 2 oz to y ^e bagnett att 5 ^s p ^r oz }	00 15 00
	p ^d Laurence Rinehan for y ^e making	00 04 00
	for y ^e Braille handel	00 01 01
	p ^d Peeter Milod for y ^e belt	00 04 00

07 0 . . .

March y^e 26

	p ^d Nick Cormock for 3 y ^{ds} $\frac{1}{2}$ cloth at 7 ^s p ^r y ^d	01 02 09
	4 y ^s $\frac{1}{2}$ shallune	00 08 00
		01 08 09

March 28 1689.

	s.	d.
to 2 ^{oz} thread	00	04
to 3 ^{oz} silke	01	03
to $\frac{1}{4}$ y ^{de} buckram	00	04
to $\frac{1}{4}$ y ^{de} deyed linen	00	04
to 4 y ^{ds} tape		02
to 7 ^{dos} nec butons		
to pocketts		
to macking	00	02 00
to 2 payre of sleeves 2 y ^{ds} fine scoth cloth: } three &c. }	00	04 0

The next entries relate chiefly to regimental affairs, comprising some curious particulars, such as £1 8s. 6d. the charge of going to and from Dublin, the making of "my owne leding-stafe," &c. &c.

Aprill y^e 4th 1689.

To my charges going & coming from } Dublin to gett y ^e 3 Comisions interd in } y ^e mustermaster generalls office, & for } expedition }	01 08 06
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¹ Edward Cadow was constituted a member of the corporation of Kilkenny

under the charter of James II.—Harris' "Life of William III.," App. viii.

y ^e 4 th	p ^d for a drum in Dublin & carige	01 00 00
	p ^d for a new drum hed & putting it on . .	00 01 06
	for drumsticks	00 01 06
	p ^d for 16 speare heads att 8 ^d ap	00 10 08
	$\frac{1}{2}$ a st steele putt in y ^e s ^d speares	00 00 04
	for nayles for y ^e spears	00 00 04
	p ^d Paule Heare for making my owne leding- stafe	} 00 06 00
	p ^d Paul Heare for a muskett 3 ^s	
	for fixing y ^e lock 6 ^d	} 00 03 06
	p ^d for a scabard & handel for y ^e broad backsorde	
	p ^d Paul Heare for y ^e other backsorde . . .	00 02 00
	p ^d for 2 rapiers to P. Heare	00 03 00
	p ^d for a rapier y ^t was broken by y ^e sargent.	01 00 00

The expenditures on “y^e Left Coll.,” “y^e Magerr,” and “y^e men” of his regiment, are given as under:—

1688.

	Expended at severall times on y ^e men . .	00 10 06
March y ^e 4 th .		
	expended	00 00 06
y ^e 4	expended	00 00 06
y ^e 5	expended	00 02 04
y ^e 6 th	expended in treating y ^e Magerr &c. 6 botels of clarett. 2 po ^{bles} of March beere &c.	} 00 08 01
y ^e 6	expended on y ^e men	
y ^e 8	expended	00 00 09
y ^e 10 th	expended	00 00 10
y ^e 11	expended	00 00 06
y ^e 12	expended	00 00 05
		1 04 05
y ^e 18 th	expended	0 01 09
y ^e 20	expended	0 00 09
y ^e 30	expended on the Left Coll.	0 08 06

The following item is of some historical importance, as relating to a visit of James II. to Kilkenny, of which I have seen little elsewhere noticed:—

Aprill y^e 9th. 1689.

	expended 6 ^d . 4 ^d & 5 ^d	0 01 03
	gave y ^e men a barrell of beere to drink y ^e Kings health y ^e night he came to Kil- kenny	} 00 16 00
	1 ^d of powder for to give a voley ¹	
		00 02 00
		2 15 03

¹ Somewhat more than fifteen months after, when William was marching to

Limerick from the victory of the Boyne, he also stopped at Kilkenny, and was

The commissariat of the army would seem to have been left very much to the private exertions of the officers, as appears by the following entries of money received for the "subsistans" of Captain Gafney's company; the items are curious:—

March y^e 6th 1689.

Reaceaved of Magior Corbett ꝑ y ^e hands of Cap ^t Roch a fortnight subsistans for my Companey, untill y ^e 14 th of March £14 : 01 : 04, & for y ^e 5 odd dayes of y ^e former accomp, £5 : 0 : 5	}	19 01 09
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That is to say

2 Sargens 6^s ꝑ week
3 Corpo^s and 1 Drum['] att 3^s ꝑ
50 privat men at 2^s 4^a ꝑ

March y^e 28 1690.

Reaceaved of Magior Corbett ꝑ y ^e hands of Lef ^t Wading towards March subsistans for my Companey y ^e sume of	}	07 00 00
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Aprill y^e 6th.

Reaceaved of Magior Corbett ꝑ y ^e hands of Cap ^t Pendergas towards y ^e subsistans for my Company y ^e sume of	}	14 00 00
7 th Reaceaved of Magior Corbett ꝑ y ^e hands of Solomon on 'bove accomp ['] y ^e sume of	}	20 00 00
y ^e 10 th Reaceaved of y ^e Magior 27 ^s & 4 ^a & 6 ^s to himself for a five weeks subsistans for myself & my insigne	}	01 13 04
y ^e 15 th Reaceaved of Magior Corbett on 'bove ac- compt ꝑ y ^e hands of his servant John y ^e sume of	}	15 00 00
y ^e 16 th a fornights subsistans for myself to y ^e 24 th instant y ^e sume of	}	03 10 00
y ^e 24 th , To cash reaceaved of Magior Corbett— for myself a weekes subsistans until y ^e 31 instant	}	01 15 00
for my companey a fornights untill y ^e 7 th June	}	09 08 00

received by the Duke of Ormonde; the Castle of Kilkenny, the Duke's princely residence, having been chivalrously preserved from the violence of the retreating Jacobites by the orders of Count de Lauzun.

In the Ormonde household Account Book, entitled "Charles Gosling's First Gen^l. Accompt. passed wth Valentine Smyth, Esq., the 17th of November 1691," I find the following item:—

1690, November 10th.

Paid severall Bills for the King's Entertainem^t. when at Kilkenny, £46 : 12 : 07.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to recover the bills of particulars of the entertainment, but they may still exist amongst the mass of manuscript household accounts in the Evidence Chamber of Kilkenny Castle. The silver fork used by King William is still preserved in the Ormonde family.

and for my Lef^t foure weeks in y^e month of } 04 04 00
 May }

June y^e 7.

Reaceaved of Adgutant Sturdiuill a weekes } 08 06 04
 subsistans for myself, Lef^t and company }
 Cap^t 1 15 00
 Lef^t 1 01 00
 2 Sargens att 5 5½ p^{r}
 3 Corporalls att 2 5½ p^{r}
 1 Drumer 2 5½ p^{r}
 50 men att 1 9½ p^{r}

8 06 4

y^e 7th p^d y^e Lef^t 1 01 00

To cash reaceaved of Magior Corbett p^{r} y^e
 hands of his servant Solomon a fortnights
 subsistans:—

Cap^t 14 days att 35^s p^{r} weeke 03 10 00
 2 Sargens att 5^s 2^d p^{r} weeke 01 00 08
 3 Corporalls att 2^s 2^d p^{r} weeke 00 13 00
 1 Drum' att 2^s 2^d p^{r} weeke 00 04 04
 50 privatt men at 18^d p^{r} weeke is 07 10 00
 50 men shoing money at 6^d p^{r} weeke is 02 10 00
 3 Corporalls & 1 Drum' 00 04 00

15 12 00

The 3 £ reaceaved of Ensigne Comerfod is in-
 cluded in this sume

To contengent charges 18^d & 1^s 00 02 06

y^e 16th To cash reaceaved of Magior Corbett for }
 my Company, one weekes subsistans to } 04 14 00
 y^e 24th instant }

y^e 14th Reaseaved of Agutant Surdivill (*sic*) a }
 weekes subsistans for myself Lef^t & com- } 08 06 04
 pany as above, y^e sume of }

y^e 21st Reaceaved of Cap^t Roch a weekes subsis- }
 tans for myself Lef^t insigne and Com- } 09 03 10
 pany y^e sume of }

P^d y^e Lef^t & Ensigne same time

y^e 27th Reaceaved of Cap^t Roche on 'bove accompt }
 a weeks subsistans for myself, Lef^t En- } 09 03 06
 signe and company y^e sume of }

P^d y^e Lef^t & Ensign y^e same time.

“ Peter Denn, Redmond Ffreney, James Roth, Roger Maro, John Maro, Daniell Maro, Derby Maro, James Roth” (amongst other names local to Kilkenny), appear in the lists of the company as paid their subsistence-money at Dundalk in April and May, 1690.

Under several dates, extending over the months of April and

May, 1690, there are accounts kept of the distribution of “pumps,” “sherts,” “stockings,” &c., supplied to Captain Gafney’s company at Dundalk and Drogheda. Amongst these are—

Ap^l y^e 9

William Magra at Dundalke a payre of } pumps, and a payre of stockens . . . }	00 01 00
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Ap^l y^e 23 1690

Derby Glison p ^d for a ramer at Drooda . .	00 00 4
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Ap^l y^e 23 1690

Tadey Hogan p ^d at Drooda for a new main- } spring 2 ^s 6 ^d & 3 ^d for a scrupin . . . }	00 02 09
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Ap^l 29 ’90.

Murtogh Doran lent him to buy a shert .	00 02 00
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May y^e 9.

Edmond Kelley for a neke stock, and mending
y^r brich 5^s 6^d

June 16

at Dundalke one payre of broggs,	00 01 08
and a payre of stockins	00 01 01

Memorandum, June y^e 15 1690

remained of y ^e pumps	13 payre
and two payre of broggs	2

Dundalk

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We now come to, perhaps, the most curious entry in the book, namely, some General Orders of the army, which, like a careful officer, Captain Gafney had copied into his memorandum book. Unfortunately, the leaves on which they are written are the most injured of any in the MS., rendering the Orders very imperfect; however, what remains of them will be read with interest. The date of the first order is torn off, the second is dated June 18, 1690 :—

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the first line, the generall to be beate att 3 Clock in y^e morning, att 4 y^e asemble to be mustrd by y^e inspectors, y^e second line nott to shut, y^e gards as usuall, y^e pickets as usuall; none of y^e foote to put there horses in aney medow, and must not send there horses beyond y^e horse gards, y^e retrete to beate att 9 att night, & take it from y^e gards. Y^t y^e regments named last night for y^e gards of y^e generall officers must furnish them exactly. Each Lef^t generalls garde must be 30 men, Lef^t &c. My Lord Tirconell and Mager Delosone¹ must have 40 men each, a Cap^t, a

¹ De Lauzun.

Left, 2 sargens, & a Drum, Mageir Delosone requires none tonight. No soldier to ease himself between y^e lines.

13 men w^t a sargent to goe to y^e to parade in y^e same place y^e same time: Westmeath, Tirone, y^e Grand Prior's, & Gordian O Neale¹ to furnish each 30 men, y^e Grand Priors² a Left Coll., each of the other three a Cap^t, Left, 2 Sargents and a Drum to be att y^e hed of y^e gards to releive a Left Coll., and a like number of men att Mara Castell³ on y^e rode to y^e Nurey and 5 men to be brought immedeately to y^e Coll. of y^e Grand Priors Regiment, w^t a sargent, & a Drum from Westmeaths regiment, the gards to mount at y^e broken brige att y^e head of y^e first line, and they are to draw up when y^e horse gard marches to there gard post.

S^t Peeter is y^e word.

pickett 40 men.

8 men a Cap^t & an Insign att 3 o Clock next morning to meet att y^e gards at y^e hed of y^e gard

June y^e 18th, Orders, 1690

The generall to beate att 4, the assemble when ordered, the gards for Moyra to be relieved by 30 men from O Bryan,⁴ Bagnell,⁵ Hamilton⁶ and Bellu;⁷ O bryan Left Coll.; a Capt^t and subalterne from each, w^t Drum, 2 sargens, att 3 o Clock, to be att y^e head of y^e gards to relieve y^e like number at Moyra Castle on y^e rode to y^e Nurey, y^e detachment for y^e horses as usually is att 3 o Clock in y^e morning: when y^e gards beate y^e assembly.

. are to of att y^e Magiors to be att y^e head of y^e gards to reaceave orders in y^e morning. Simpitar Brigadere for y^e day, Lord Bellu Coll.; Hamilton Left Coll. Left Generall Hamilton lost a gulde wach w^t seales to it, if anney souldier y^t found it shall have 10^s for his pains, and if enney officer bought it he shall be returned his money.
y^e word S^t Poule.

Order June y^e 19. 1690

The income [?] regular is to be 300 foote distans, bey streete 2 foote, the large streete 15, the fire of souldiers to be 12, y^e Left 20 from y^e fire, y^e Cap^t 45 feete behinde y^e Left^{ts}, the Coll. to be 15 pases behind y^e Cap^{ts}, y^e Left Coll. and Mager to be in a line 2 pases before y^e Coll.

The campe garde to be 100 pases from y^e stand of armes.

20 pases from y^e fronte tent, to y^e reare tent.

Orders y^e 20 of June 1690

100 men to be sent on y^e left of y^e army w^t 2 Cap^{ts}, 2 Left^{ts}, 2 Ensigns, and 4 Sargens: 150 firelocks, 2 Cap^{ts}, 2 Left^{ts}, 2 Ensigns, 6 Sargens w^t a dayes bread for them all; 50 men to Drumgule Castell, w^t a Cap^t, Left, & Ensigne, & 2 Sargens who is to bring pen, inke, and paper w^t him, to write to y^e Left Generall of y^e day what hapens; 120 men to Moyra

¹ Gordon O'Neill's regiment of foot.

² Grand Prior's regiment of foot.

³ Moyra Castle.

⁴ Charles O'Bryan's regiment of foot.

⁵ Dudley Bagnall's regiment of foot.

⁶ John Hamilton's regiment of foot.

⁷ Lord Bellew's regiment of foot.

⁸ This is a curious entry.

Castle, a Lef^t Coll., 3 Captins, 3 subalterns, 6 Sargens, and 3 Drums; all these to parade at y^e hed of Antrim's Regiment att 3 o Clock in y^e morning. Grand Prior, Louth, and Gordian O Neale, Antrim & Bellu to furnish y^e above number.

Wacobb Brigadere for y^e day.

Bercon [?] Coll. for y^e day.

When the King goes bye y^e line, y^e picte garde is to draw out, y^e officers to salute.

The Word is S^t Andrew.

A few days before the battle of the Boyne, James encamped at Cookestown, near Ardee. Here we have the list of regiments and the order of the encampment. This entry dates a short time after the General Orders just given. One of the leaves in which the entry is made is imperfect at the bottom, which may account for Gafney's regiment not being mentioned:—

Camp of Ardee y^e 24th of June 1690.

The first line on y^e right

Seaven troops of Gards	}	2
Duke of Tirconnell Regiment of hors		
Three Batalions of y ^e Royall Regiment	}	3
51 companeys, compute three Regments		
Lord Antrim	}	5
Lord Bellu		
Gordian O Neale		
Lord of Louth		
Granprior		
Seaven of ffrench each com ^t 16 companeys & Regm ^t		7
Golmay's ¹ Regiment of hors com ^t nine trups		1
Maxfild's ² Regiment of Draguns		1
In Ardee Coll. Gase ³ and y ^e to Coll. M ^c Mahons ⁴		3

Second line on y^e right

Lord of Clare his Regiment of Draguns		1
Sunderland his Regiment 5 trups		1
Parkars Regiment of Hors		1
Hamiltons foote	}	8
Lord of Westmeath		
Sir Michael Creggh ⁵		
Mahgilicutt ⁶		
O Bryan		
Buslo		
Bagnall		
Lord of Tirone		

¹ Lord Galmoy.

² Maxwell's.

³ Colonel Richard Grace.

⁴ Art and Hugh.

⁵ Creagh.

⁶ Denis Mac Gillicuddy.

Mangan ¹ his Regement of Draguns	
5 Regments of hors	5
. . . . Draguns	3
.	

Wth Coll. Sarsfild

Coll. Sarsfild Regiment of hors
 Aprukorns² hors
 Clifords Draguns
 Sir Neale O Neales Draguns
 Coll. Carrolls Draguns

Foote

Lord of Slane
 Dilon
 Clanrickard
 Galway
 Borke
 Nugent
 Cormonstowne³

The MS. contains several other entries, but not of sufficient interest to be transferred to the immortality of print; I cannot, however, resist giving one more extract, especially as it throws some light on the sanitary condition of James' forces, showing the prevalence of that decimator of armies in former times in Ireland—ague; in the fly-leaf of Captain Gafney's pocket-book we find the following by no means disagreeable—

Cure for y^e Eague.

One ounce of cortex newe, one Dram of powder of snake weed, one dram of powder of nutmegs made up into an electuary, with a sufficient quantity of syrup of lemmons, you are to take the bigness of a chesnut of it three or four times in y^e four and twenty hours, whilst it [the ague] lasts shaking, after it a glass of claret, or milk warmed mixed with brandy and sugar.

Whilst placing the foregoing extracts in what seemed to be their natural sequence, I have purposely refrained from entering on the general history of the stirring times to which they refer, although many a tempting open for historical disquisition is afforded by the various incidental notices which occur in the "jottings" of Captain Gafney. In Harris' Life of William III., and the graphic and impartial narrative of Storey, the general history of the period has had ample justice done it, whilst the details have been illustrated by the publication, in our own day, of the "Macariæ Excidium,"

¹ Lord Dungan ?² Abercorn.³ Gormanstown.

edited for the Irish Archæological Society, with copious and valuable notes and appendices, by Mr. O'Callaghan. But although the prominent features of the picture may have been well and clearly painted, yet it must be confessed that the minor details are sadly defective. Mr. John D'Alton has lately announced the publication of an original Army List of James the Second's forces (should sufficient encouragement be afforded by the public), to be illustrated by an historical and genealogical commentary; Mr. O'Callaghan also promises a history of the services of the Irish Brigade abroad. It is to be hoped, that when the labours of these gentlemen see the light many *desiderata* will be supplied: but even though the publication of the works may be all that the character of their authors would lead us to expect, I cannot refrain from expressing a wish that the historian of the period could refer to many documents of a nature similar to Gafney's memoranda, that so he might be the better enabled to warm into life and action the vague shadows of the past!
